

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Howard Kirk Wilson was born on March 1, 1914, to Henry J. Wilson and Alice Kirk-Wilson on the Henry C. Wilson homestead in a house on the bank of the Belle Fourche River; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Howard was married for 60 years to the love of his life, Constance Irene, and to this union seven children were born, who went on to procreate 15 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, During World War II, Howard worked as a foreman for McDonald Douglas Aircraft in California, he worked on the family farm, and was head custodian for the Newell School District until his retirement in 1988; and,

Whereas, Howard has been a member of Saint Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church for 61 years, a member of the Newell Lions Club, and a member of the Knights of Columbus; and,

Whereas, Howard will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day on February 29, 2004, and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 1, 2004, as

HOWARD KIRK WILSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

